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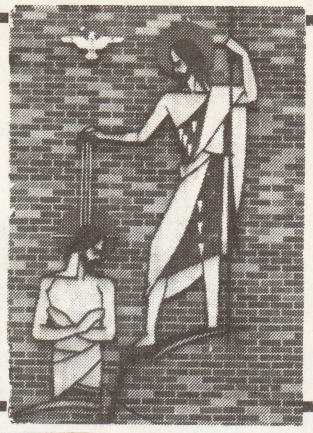


Just A Word ...

by Fr. Harvey

The standing ovation which greeted the conclusion of last Sunday's Dedicatory Ceremony for the new church organ expressed the appreciation, the excitement and the joy which was so evident for an important day in the history of our parish. Those who were able to attend last Sunday's festivities were treated to a fine program and a first class reception following the ceremony.

Bishop Povish presided at the dedicatory ceremonies and appreciated the organ selections rendered by Mr. Mel Light which truly demonstrated musically, the capabilities of the new organ. Miss Marie Stachlewitz accompanied the congregation in hymns of thanksgiving. Fr. William King shared in the ceremony as he reminisced about the organ's beginning and led the opening prayer. Our "surprise guest" in the person of Sister Mary O'Connell, O.P., returned to us from Catholic University in Washington, D.C. and was soloist for the occasion, singing "Rejoice Greatly" from Handel's Messiah. Sister received her Master's degree in voice from Catholic University in 1975 after serving on our Pastoral Team for three years. Many parishioners were happy to see Sister again and to enjoy her beautiful soprano voice. Our parish choir under the direction of Sister Marilyn performed admirably once again for the dedication. Don Racine and Mark McClure added the golden sounds of trumpets to the choir processional.

The success of this happy day would not have been possible without the assistance of many, many parishioners. Mr. Richard Fairfield, a parishioner and Fine Arts Professor at EMU, graciously designed the unique program cover printed for the dedication. Bob Gillman finished last minute carpentry and painting details in the choir loft. Joan Gillman readied the cloth coverings for the organ chambers. And several parishioners showed up on Saturday afternoon to assist in the clean-up and polishing detail. Members of the Service and Activities Commissions outdid themselves in providing and serving hot and cold hors d'oeuvres and refreshments.

To all of you who helped make last Sunday's dedication so memorable, sincerest thanks. In the recollection of notable happenings at St. John's, last Sunday will be among the prominent memories of my life.

Christmas Preparations

As indicated in the December calendar, the annual bee for decorating the church for Christmas time will be held this Sunday at 2:30 p.m. followed by a potluck supper in the church hall. We hope many of you will be able to assist in this effort.

The Advent Penance Service will be held on Monday evening at 7:30 p.m. Individual confessions will be held during the service. Extra confessors will be available on Monday evening. We expect that most everyone who is planning on receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation before Christmas will be present for this Penance Service on Monday evening. Please remember, that only one priest is presently assigned to this parish. Your cooperation and understanding will be appreciated.

Confession Schedule

Monday, December 19 - 7:30 p.m. Communal Penance Service

Wednesday, December 21 - 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Friday, December 23 - 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 24 - 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. **NO confessions Saturday afternoon!!!**

Please keep this schedule to avoid making unnecessary calls to the rectory.

Reminders

1. Anyone in grades preschool through 8th who is interested in participating in the Family Christmas Eve liturgy should meet in the school library today, December 18, at **2:00 p.m.** This will be the only rehearsal for most of those interested in participating.
   If you have any questions or need further information, please call Judy Buck at 483-6378.
2. If public schools are closed because of bad weather, our Religious Education classes will be cancelled also.
3. Lots and lots of magazines are used at the Center for classroom projects. Our present supply consists of front and back covers with pages of holes. Anyone who could donate any old magazines to be cut up for classroom use, please drop them off any time in the Center lobby.

Midnight Mass Broadcast

Through the courtesy of Mr. Eugene Butman of Gene Butman Ford Sales and Mr. Barney Hughes of Hughes Real Estate, Radio Station WPAG will once again broadcast live the Midnight Mass and preceding vigil ceremonies beginning at 11:30 p.m. on December 24th, Christmas Eve. WPAG is 107-FM on the radio dial.

We are grateful to the two sponsoring parishioners for allowing the "Good News of Christ's Birth" to reach many in the surrounding area, especially those who are not physically able to be present at Mass.

Gift of Life

... for Problem Pregnancy and Meals on Wheels Offering and sanctuary tree ornament may be brought to the altar in the Offertory procession today.

Annual Church Decoration for Christmas

Sunday, December 18th, beginning at 2:30 p.m.; Potluck at 6:30 p.m.

You are all invited to participate in the decorating this afternoon.

Parish Penance Service

An Advent Parish Penance Service is scheduled for Monday, December 19th, at 7:30 p.m. This is one more way to prepare for the Lord's coming.

Parish Nuptial

Mr. & Mrs. Peter H. Glasgow

Peter H. Glasgow and Patti Jo Bennett, both of this area solemnized their covenant of holy marriage during a Nuptial Mass celebrated by Fr. Harvey on Saturday, December 10, 1977.

Dennis Glasgow of Detroit and Sandra Fitzgerald were the main witnesses. Daniel and Ellen Morin and James Mooney were readers. Members of the Word of God community provided the music for the celebration which was greeted by Robert Bartholomay.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter H. Glasgow of Lincoln Park. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Horace F. Bennett of Lapeer. The newlyweds will be members of this parish.

We extend best wishes to Pete and Patti and pray that the Lord will bless them as His faithful witnesses.

Closet Shop

The Closet Shop will be closed on December 24th and 25th and December 31st and January 1st.

Thank you for your patronage throughout the past year.

Alpha Kappa Psi Fraternity has begun selling Christmas trees in our lot. Proceeds benefit both the Fraternity and our parish. They did a fine job last year and were sold out early. Don't miss the opportunity.

St. John's Bingo
Wednesdays
Doors Open 6:30 p.m.

New Life in Christ

During the monthly Baptismal Liturgy celebrated by Fr. Harvey on Sunday, December 11, 1977, two children received the first Sacrament of Initiation as they were baptized.

Sarah Marie Trapp, daughter of Ronald A. and Margaret J. (Palasek) Trapp, 931 Pleasant Drive. Sarah's godparents are James and Suzanne Palasek.

Janet Myriam Walker, daughter of Bruce M. and Ghislaine (Gilles) Walker, 4810 Washtenaw. Janet's sponsors in the faith are Jayyuse Talat and Yolaine Pauris.

May the Lord bring to completion the good work He has begun in them. Congratulations, parents!

In the Peace of Christ

Funeral services for Martha Jane Ludwick were held on Monday, December 12, 1977 by Fr. Harvey in the Wagner-Stark Moore Memorial Chapel. Martha died on December 10, 1977 at the age of 62 years.

She is survived by Mary Catherine Ludwick of this parish, Gertrude Landrum of Willis with whom she made her home, and Helen Greer of Englewood, Florida. Burial followed in Highland Cemetery.

May she rest in the peace of Christ.

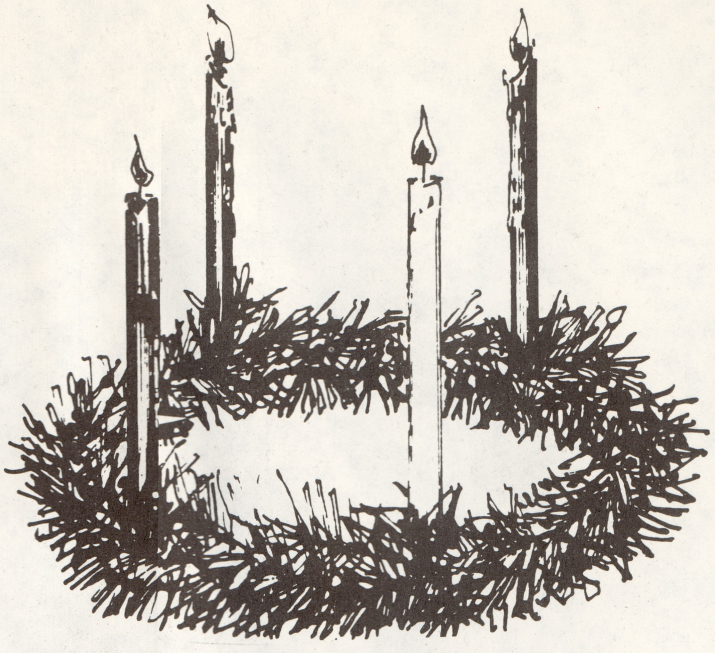
Worship Commission News

Sister Marilyn

The bucket, mop, duster and polish brigade is requested to be on hand Sunday, the 18th, at 2:30 p.m. for their generous assistance in helping with the church decorating. Under the capable direction of Margaret Budinger you **WILL NOT** be asked to hang from the Rose Window to dust away the cobwebs, nor to climb up a 25 foot ladder to wash the overhead lights, or balance upside down from the nave to attach new fixtures. We only request you to clean, sweep and shine with both feet on the ground, in preparation for Christmas.

I might add you will be doing this to a background of carols and Christmas hymns as the Choir will be in rehearsal in the Choir Loft.

It is also fitting here to thank the many ladies who spend hours each month making the sanctuary, altars and worship areas truly clean and spotless for all our liturgical celebrations. The time spent in sewing, laundering and cleaning are most appreciated by us all. Thank you.



Advent Readings

Fourth Week: December 19-24

Sunday

Isaiah 7:10-14 - The virgin shall be with child, and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel.

Psalm 25 - The Lord is the King of Glory.

Matt: 1:18-24 - Jesus was born of Mary, the betrothed of Joseph, a son of David.

Monday

Isaiah 11:10-12 - The Lord will gather the nations together.

Psalm 24 - The earth belongs to Yahweh.

Luke 1:26-38 - Mary said, "I am the handmaid of the Lord."

Tuesday

Song of Songs 2:8-14 - The season of glad songs has come.

Psalm 33 - Shout for joy to Yahweh!

Luke 1:39-45 - Elizabeth rejoices at the sight of Mary.

Wednesday

I Samuel 1:24-28 - Anna thanks God for the birth of Samuel.

Psalm 34 - We will bless Yahweh at all times.

Luke 1:46-56 - Mary said, "The Lord has done great things for me."

Thursday

Malachi 3:1-4; 4:5-6 - Elijah was a sign that the day of the Lord is near.

Psalm 25 - Our redemption is near at hand.

Luke 1:57-66 - The hand of the Lord was with John the Baptist.

Friday

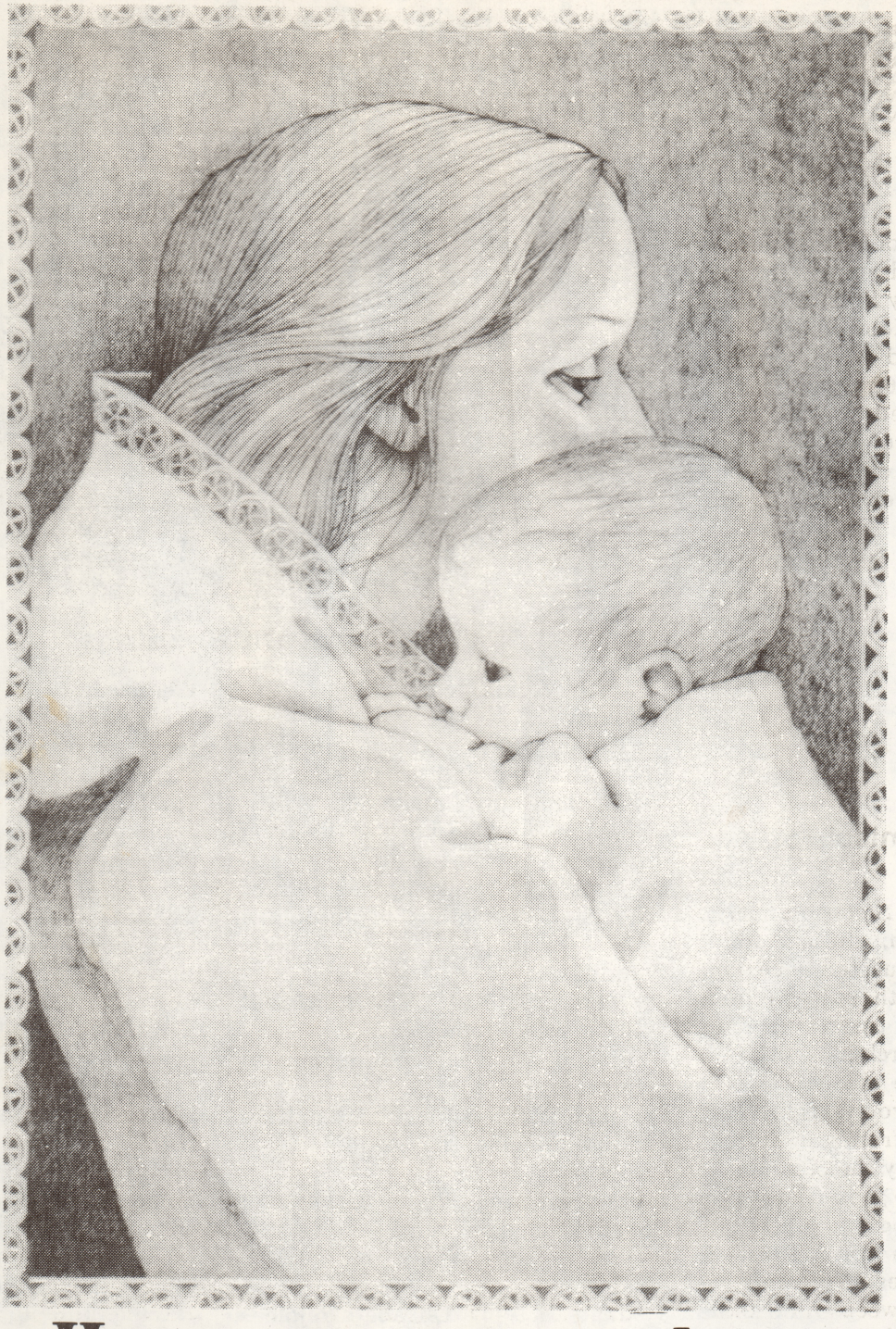
2 Sam. 7:1-5; 8-11, 16 - The kingdom of David will be established forever in the sight of the Lord.

Psalm 89 - Forever we will sing the goodness of the Lord.

Luke 1:67-69 - The Lord will guide our feet into the way of peace.

News Opportunity

Many of St. John's parishioners receive the official Diocesan weekly newspaper in their homes by mail. **The Catholic Weekly** may reach your home simply by returning the special pink envelope contained in the January packet of envelopes. Indicate on the envelope whether your subscription request is "new" or a "renewal." By subscribing through the parish, a reduced subscription rate is possible. Make sure the "Catholic Weekly" envelope is received here during the month of January!



He comes to us where
we expect Him least,
He holds us in the gentle flow of love,
We behold the living infant,
The just-born hope of the world.

New Year's Eve Dance

Get your New Year's Eve dance tickets early. $20.00 if you buy them before Dec. 24, 1977, thereafter $25.00.

Dance from 9:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m.

For tickets call:

Bill Lorenz 434-2999
Rita Sprague 483-3600
Natalie Bowyer 482-4742
Sister Carol 483-3360

Help Needed

Would there be any generous parishioners (maybe retirees) who would be willing to donate 30 minutes or so a month to help straighten out the music books in church. Because we have two sets of books which are in constant use, they often get misplaced in the benches. If you would be willing to help please call Sister Marilyn, 483-3360.

Special Invitations

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The Washtenaw Area School Bus Committee would like to thank you for saving your newspapers for us. Our next pick up will be the end of February.

Intercessory Prayer

"Behold a virgin shall conceive and bear a Son and His name shall be called Emmanuel, a name which means - God is with us." May all Kings fall down before Him all nations serve Him for he delivers the needy when He calls the poor. He has pity on the weak and saves the lives of the needy. Lord Jesus we Your people bow down before you and worship you, we proclaim that You are Lord. For there is no one before You, no one above You. You are a Holy Mighty God. You are our hope, may we rest in You. Lord, we give You our Parish Team, may they experience Your power and peace as they prepare for this holy season.

Lord, we give you our aged, the sick and those in need.

Lord, we give You our Christmas Eve Family Liturgy. Bless everyone. Bring a renewed joy into our lives.

Lord, we pray for our parking lot guidelines. May we all be obedient to these guidelines so as to love and serve each other.

"Behold, I make all things new." This is the promise of Jesus as we prepare for Christmas the season to commemorate Jesus' birth and to welcome Him anew into our hearts, and to look forward to His coming again in glory. "Be still and know that I am God. I am exalted among the nations. I am exalted in the earth." The Lord of hosts is with us: The God of Jacob is our refuge. Let the cloud rain down the just one and the earth bring forth a savior and may we all experience the peace and love of the Prince of Peace now and forever.

Jesus, we are close to the time of Your birthday, may Your light shine in our lives freeing us from fear, sin and worry. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are Yours forever. Amen.

Praise Jesus
David Rocha

Financial Barometer

December 4, 1977

Sunday Offering $4,757.70
Holyday (Dec. 8th) $503.50
Parish Improvement $50.00

Mass Schedule

MONDAY, December 19 - Advent Weekday
7:00 a.m. Desire Hancotte, req. by Hazel Ferraro
2:30 p.m. Clarence Schoonover, req. by Sister Carol

TUESDAY, December 20 - Advent Weekday
7:00 a.m. Charles Parsons, req. by his wife
5:30 p.m. Andy Kelly, req. by Mary Sullivan

WEDNESDAY, December 21 - Advent Weekday
7:00 a.m. Deceased of Sesi and Rettinger families, req. by Joseph and Catherine Sesi
9:00 a.m. Vera Heim, req. Mr. & Mrs. Stan Beal

THURSDAY, December 22 - Advent Weekday
7:00 a.m. Frank Panek, req. by Mrs. Frank Panek
9:00 a.m. Grace Battuello, req. by her husband

FRIDAY, December 23 - Advent Weekday
7:00 a.m. George J. Max, req. by Mrs. George Max
9:00 a.m. Catherine and Charles Seeger, req. by Adelaide and Marie Seeger

SATURDAY, December 24 - Christmas Eve
9:00 a.m. Deceased of John Stachlewitz family

NO 5:00 P.M. MASS
6:00 p.m. **Family Christmas Liturgy** - Fred and Kim Gillman, req. by the family
11:30 p.m. Vigil Ceremonies

SUNDAY, December 25 - Christmas Day
12:00 Midnight - Christmas Mass - For the intentions of St. John Parishioners

NO 7:00 A.M. MASS
9:00 a.m. Louise Pryce, req. by the family
11:00 a.m. Steven Willits, req. by the family
12:30 p.m. Marian Bauer, req. by William Bauer

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